

TABLE 63. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities fields, by sex and field of study: 2009

Characteristic	All humanities fields	Foreign language/literature	History	Letters	Other humanities
All doctorate recipients (number)	4,899	602	1,045	1,414	1,838
	Number				
Postgraduation status ^a					
Definite postgraduation study	359	20	109	107	123
Definite employment	2,294	324	501	653	816
Seeking employment or study	1,464	164	303	427	570
Other ^b	156	18	21	46	71
	Percent				
Definite postgraduation study ^{c,d}					
Postdoc fellowship	82.2	75.0	85.3	85.0	78.0
Postdoc research associateship	13.9	D	D	12.1	16.3
Other ^e	3.9	D	D	2.8	5.7
Definite employment ^f					
Academe	84.6	90.4	81.2	91.1	79.0
Government	2.0	D	5.4	D	1.5
Industry/business ^g	3.5	D	2.6	D	4.9
Nonprofit	5.0	D	4.8	D	9.9
Other/unknown ^h	5.0	5.2	6.0	4.4	4.7
Primary activity ^j					
R&D	15.0	12.8	18.4	13.5	15.0
Teaching	72.2	79.5	68.7	77.4	67.3
Management or administration	7.1	4.0	7.8	6.2	8.6
Professional services	3.8	2.7	2.5	1.9	6.5
Other	1.9	1.0	2.5	1.0	2.7
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	51.2	54.5	53.9	50.7	48.7
Teaching	16.4	14.5	16.1	15.7	18.1
Management or administration	7.2	6.4	5.5	9.4	6.9
Professional services	3.0	1.7	3.2	2.5	3.9
Other	2.7	1.0	2.1	3.0	3.4
No secondary activity	19.4	21.9	19.2	18.7	19.1
Activity unknown	8.2	8.3	5.6	9.0	9.1
Postgraduation location ^j					
United States ^k	90.6	88.7	91.5	93.4	88.5
New England	7.9	9.3	9.0	6.3	8.0
Middle Atlantic	16.2	17.4	15.6	16.8	15.8
East North Central	14.3	15.1	13.8	15.5	13.3
West North Central	6.3	7.8	4.9	6.6	6.3
South Atlantic	15.3	13.4	17.7	17.0	13.0
East South Central	4.9	2.9	5.6	5.4	4.9
West South Central	8.6	5.8	8.7	9.6	8.6
Mountain	5.0	5.5	4.6	4.5	5.5
Pacific and insular	11.6	10.8	10.7	11.3	12.9
Not in United States	9.3	11.3	8.5	6.4	11.3
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,358	225	607	524	1,002
	Number				
Postgraduation status ^a					
Definite postgraduation study	175	8	53	47	67
Definite employment	1,120	115	301	240	464
Seeking employment or study	720	70	180	160	310
Other ^b	51	5	7	9	30

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	Percent				
Definite postgraduation study ^{c,d}					
Postdoc fellowship	79.4	D	D	85.1	77.6
Postdoc research associateship	16.6	D	D	D	16.4
Other ^e	4.0	D	D	D	6.0
Definite employment ^f					
Academe	82.0	90.4	78.7	91.3	77.2
Government	3.4	D	D	D	D
Industry/business ^g	3.7	D	2.7	D	D
Nonprofit	5.9	D	D	D	11.2
Other/unknown ^h	5.1	4.3	6.3	4.6	4.7
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	15.1	14.7	16.8	12.8	15.3
Teaching	71.7	75.2	69.8	80.3	67.5
Management or administration	6.7	D	8.1	D	7.2
Professional services	4.3	D	D	D	6.9
Other	2.2	D	D	D	3.1
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	51.6	52.3	53.7	52.3	49.5
Teaching	16.3	D	D	15.1	18.9
Management or administration	6.8	D	D	9.2	6.9
Professional services	2.9	D	3.5	2.8	3.3
Other	2.4	1.8	1.1	1.8	3.8
No secondary activity	20.0	26.6	22.1	18.8	17.5
Activity unknown	8.0	5.2	5.3	9.2	9.9
Postgraduation location ^j					
United States ^k	90.3	87.8	92.4	93.0	88.1
New England	6.4	8.1	5.6	5.9	6.8
Middle Atlantic	16.6	15.4	15.8	19.2	16.0
East North Central	14.3	21.1	13.8	15.0	12.6
West North Central	6.7	8.1	5.1	9.1	6.2
South Atlantic	15.3	12.2	22.3	11.1	13.6
East South Central	5.4	D	5.6	7.0	5.6
West South Central	9.5	6.5	9.6	9.1	10.4
Mountain	5.5	6.5	4.5	5.2	6.0
Pacific and insular	10.0	8.9	9.0	10.5	10.7
Not in United States	9.5	12.2	7.6	6.6	11.7
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,540	377	438	889	836
	Number				
Postgraduation status ^a					
Definite postgraduation study	184	12	56	60	56
Definite employment	1,173	209	200	412	352
Seeking employment or study	744	94	123	267	260
Other ^b	105	13	14	37	41
	Percent				
Definite postgraduation study ^{c,d}					
Postdoc fellowship	84.8	D	D	85.0	78.6
Postdoc research associateship	11.4	D	D	D	16.1
Other ^e	3.8	D	D	D	5.4
Definite employment ^f					
Academe	87.0	90.4	85.0	91.0	81.5

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Characteristic	All humanities fields	Foreign language/literature	History	Letters	Other humanities
Government	0.6	D	D	D	D
Industry/business ^a	3.3	D	2.5	2.4	D
Nonprofit	4.2	D	D	D	8.2
Other/unknown ^h	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.4	4.5
Primary activity ^j					
R&D	14.9	11.7	20.7	13.9	14.5
Teaching	72.7	81.9	67.0	75.7	67.0
Management or administration	7.5	D	7.4	D	10.5
Professional services	3.3	D	D	D	5.9
Other	1.7	D	D	D	2.2
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	50.9	55.9	54.3	49.6	47.5
Teaching	16.6	D	D	16.0	17.0
Management or administration	7.6	D	D	9.6	6.8
Professional services	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.4	4.6
Other	2.9	0.5	3.7	3.7	2.8
No secondary activity	18.9	19.1	14.9	18.7	21.3
Activity unknown	8.4	10.0	6.0	9.0	8.0
Postgraduation location ^j					
United States ^k	90.9	89.1	90.2	93.9	89.0
New England	9.4	10.0	13.7	6.6	9.6
Middle Atlantic	15.9	18.6	15.2	15.5	15.4
East North Central	14.3	11.8	13.7	15.9	14.2
West North Central	5.8	7.7	4.7	5.1	6.4
South Atlantic	15.3	14.0	11.3	20.6	12.3
East South Central	4.5	4.5	5.5	4.4	3.9
West South Central	7.7	5.4	7.4	10.0	6.4
Mountain	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.0	4.9
Pacific and insular	13.2	11.8	12.9	11.9	15.7
Not in United States	9.0	10.9	9.8	6.1	10.8
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes only respondents who responded to post graduation status.

^b Includes respondents who indicated that they did not plan to work or study, respondents who indicated some other type of postgraduation plans, and respondents who indicated definite plans for other full-time degree program.

^c Does not include respondents who indicated plans for other full-time degree program.

^d Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for study and type of postdoctoral study.

^e "Other" includes respondents who indicated definite postgraduation study plans for traineeship, internship/clinical residency, or other study.

^f Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.

^g Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

^h "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

ⁱ Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary work activity.

^j Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.

^k Includes cases with a U.S. unknown region of employment after doctorate; see appendix A for states/territories included in regions.

NOTE: Due to rounding, the sum of percentages may not equal to 100.

SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/USDA/NEH/NASA, 2009 Survey of Earned Doctorates.